

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument comprising a body, a main reservoir containing ink and housed in said body, a writing head projecting from the front part of said body, and a capillary connector for transferring ink from the main reservoir to the writing head, wherein said writing instrument also comprises an auxiliary reservoir containing an ink carrier liquid, and actuator means for releasing said liquid from the auxiliary reservoir so that said liquid flows into the main reservoir and expels the ink towards the connector, wherein the main reservoir and the auxiliary reservoir are both fibrous material reservoirs and wherein, upon operation of the actuator means, the auxiliary reservoir is displaced into contact with the main reservoir.

2. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein said carrier liquid contains ~~the ink solvent in particular water in the case of a water-based ink.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein said ink comprises multiple components, and said carrier liquid contains all or any of the components of the ink in the main reservoir, whereby the original writing properties of the residual ink carried by the carrier liquid are preserved.

4. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 3, of ~~the~~ water-based ink type, wherein the carrier liquid contains glycol.

5. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 3, of ~~the~~ dry-wipe ink type, wherein the carrier liquid contains a resin conferring its dry-

wipe properties on the ink.

6. (Original) A writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein the carrier liquid contains at least one surfactant.

7. (Original) A writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein the quantity of carrier liquid is of the order of 20% to 40% of the quantity of ink contained in the main reservoir.

8. Canceled

9. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 8, wherein the main reservoir and the auxiliary reservoir are disposed in the body of the instrument in the same longitudinal direction and wherein ~~the front face of the~~ auxiliary reservoir ~~is~~ has a front face pressed onto ~~the~~ rear face of the main reservoir when they are brought into contact.

10. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 8, wherein ~~the capillarity of the~~ auxiliary reservoir ~~is~~ has capillarity lower than ~~the capillarity of the~~ main reservoir.

11. (Original) A writing instrument according to claim 10, wherein the fiber density of the auxiliary reservoir is from 80% to 95% of the fiber density of the main reservoir.

12. (Original) A writing instrument according to claim 8, wherein the diameter of the main reservoir is greater than the diameter of the auxiliary reservoir.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary reservoir is housed in an actuator part that is a rear part mounted to slide relative to ~~the main part of the~~ body of the instrument containing the main reservoir, the capillary transfer means and the writing head.

17. (Original) A writing instrument according to claim 16, wherein the body of the instrument comprises means for retaining the actuator part adapted to retain it temporarily in an inactive position and, upon operation of said actuator part, to move it to an active position and to retain it inextricably in said active position.

18. (Currently Amended) A writing instrument according to claim 17, wherein the means for retaining the actuator prt comprise:

- a) a substantially frustoconical annular shoulder on ~~thean~~ outside periphery of the actuator part, and
- b) on ~~thean~~ inside periphery of the main part of the body, facing said shoulder, four annular shoulders, of which a first shoulder and a fourth shoulder form definitive abutments and a second shoulder and a third shoulder, having a frustoconical shape complementary to that of the shoulder carried by the actuator part, form temporary abutments.

19. (Original) A writing instrument according to claim 17, wherein the actuator part undergoes longitudinal and rotational displacement by virtue of a helicoidal groove provided on the inside periphery of the main part, allowing the

actuator part to penetrate into the main part, said groove being provided with non-return means.

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A writing instrument according to claim 2, wherein said ink is water-based and said ink solvent is water.